(b) the details of how the allocated fund will be spent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) An amount of Rs. 702.50 crores has been provided for the maintenance and repairs of National Highways in the budget for the current year 2000-2001, subject to the same being passed by the Parliament.

(b) The funds will be utilized for various maintenance activities like ordinary repairs, periodical renewals, special reapirs, flood damage repairs, repairs to bridges, etc.

Implementation of road projects in Orissa

3935. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has submitted any project proposal during the last three years regarding the improvement of some State Roads with Central Road Fund;

(b) if so, the proposal received by Government from Orissa; and

(c) the details of steps taken to sanction fund for implementing those projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) of the following six proposals received during the last three years the first three have been sanctioned.

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI. No.	Name of the work	Estimated cost	CRF share
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Bridge over Luna near Delang at 13thKMofPattanaikia-Delang Road.	150.00	50.00
2.	Bridge over river Budhabalang near Balighat.	250.00	71.89

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3.	Bridge over river Badageguti at 23 KM of Salipur-Chhatia road.	471.00	50.00
4.	Construction of H.L. Bridge over river Baitarani near Chandabali on Bhadrak-Chandabali Road.	638.12	
5.	Bridge over Kharasrota near Govindapur on Binjharpur-Singpur Road.	244.74	
6.	Construction of H.L. Bridge over river Budhabalang at Singitiaghat on Betanati-Badasahi Road.	343.35	—

Allocation for East-Coast Corridor

3936. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any budgetary provisions are made and contract has been given for the East-Coast Corridor for which the Hon'ble Prime Minister laid the foundation stone six months ago; and

(b) if so, whether it is on BOT basis and the progress achieved so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir, if the member is referring to East-West Corridor.

(b) The 7 projects awarded so far on the East-West Corridor are not on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. The overall progress achieved for these projects is 2 per cent.

Formulation of National Highway Police Force

3937. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to provide security on National Highways the Government propose to constitute National Highway Police Force on the pattern of Railway Protection Force in the Railways;